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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: January 22, 2020

LOCATION: Lake Luzerne Nutrition Site

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Sharon Grisenwaite, Roy Grisenwaite, Tom Kurimsky, Ginelle Jones,
Abigail Eichler, Mary Lamkins, Ed Capazzuti, Kathleen Hutchins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:00AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2019 Needs Assessment Results – See attached. WHCOFA will be incorporating the findings of the Needs Assessment into our Annual Plans over the next four years. For information requests, we will write articles for the newsletters, Facebook, and local newspapers to get the information out there. Please let us know if you have any other concerns. Major areas of focus will be on transportation, residential repairs/maintenance, and insurance counseling.
2. Four Year Plan for NYSOFA – Due December 13, 2019
3. Discuss Locations of Future Meetings – Would like to keep locations the same. Flyer attached.
4. HEAP Outreach – Open Enrollment starts November 12th, added a temp position to assist with this using DSRIP funding (100% reimbursable).
5. HIICAP Open Enrollment – October 15th – December 7th
6. New NYSOFA (New York State Office for the Aging) staff
 - a. Aging Services Representative (ASR)
 - b. Nutrition
 - c. Fiscal
7. Huge Need for Volunteer Drivers (HDMs) in Glens Falls/Queensbury Area – Suggestions to reach out to American Legion and VFW. Will develop poster/flyer and email to Council.
8. Business Acumen Overview – NYSOFA is promoting training on how to get reimbursement from MLTC plans for services provided to clients by OFA's.
9. Blizzard Packs – Will be passed out to meal sites at staff training on Nov 6th. Meal sites will then distribute to HDM clients. These are shelf stable meals to be used when the meal sites are closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Emergency HEAP Opened – January 2nd Quiet this year for both Warren and Hamilton Counties.
2. NYSOFA Fiscal Audit – Completed on November 7-8th
3. NYSOFA Annual Evaluation – Due to changes in ASR and timing, we were informed that we would not be having an evaluation in 2019
4. Senior of the Year Nominations – Due February 7th, Older New Yorkers Day is May 26th

COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

Hamilton County DSS

- a. Looking for transportation for Indian Lake folks.

Warren County Public Health

- a. Coronavirus – Outreach has been made to providers to help with monitoring and surveillance for potential cases.
- b. Senior Coalition – Brochures promoting a healthy staff relationship with nursing homes.
- c. Ombudsman Program – Run through Catholic Charities and they are looking for volunteer Ombudsmans.

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- a. Currently no waiting list for services.
- b. Having difficulty finding aides, or getting those that they have trained to stay.

Indian Lake Seniors

- a. Donna retired. Inquired about who will be filling position. Will be discussing with Hamilton County and then posting.
- b. Need volunteer HDM drivers. Tom is going to be training.

Wells Seniors

- a. Inquired about Blizzard Packs. Explained new process for making them. When the schools are closed, staff would still report to work, make meal, package and then freeze them. These would then be distributed the following day with the regular meal, to be used during the next closure.
- b. Town of Wells will be having an appreciation party to thank everyone for helping out during the Halloween Storm.

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- a. EPIC meeting tomorrow, 1/23/20
- b. Hip & Knee Replacement Class on 2/6/20 – What to expect, presented by Adirondack Orthopedics
- c. The Pines Rehabilitation presentation – 2/13/20
- d. Dr. Steve Bassin presentation – 2/21/20
- e. AARP Tax Preparation Services 2/4-4/9/20 – Call senior center to pick up package. They are in need of volunteer preparers this year.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:05PM

NEXT MEETING: April 22nd at 11:00AM, Indian Lake Meal Site